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13 April 1949

DRAFT OF PROPOSED MEMORANDUM FOR IAC MEMBERS FROM THE DCI

Subject: Industrial Register Cards

1. In 1946 the CIA (then CIG) assumed the function of completing the exploitation of captured German and Japanese documents for the industrial information contained therein and of disseminating that information on Industrial Register Cards, thus forming an Industrial Card File. Another function, assumed from ID, OS, USA, at this time, was the exploitation of USSR and satellite current press and periodicals for similar information.

2. The exploitation of the captured documents noted above has now been completed.

3. The information derived from the exploitation of current USSR and satellite press and periodicals is being disseminated to appropriate agencies in Foreign Documents Branch, [redacted] on a current basis.

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4. The reproduction of new Industrial Register Cards (which compile the old information along with that contained in the [redacted]) is very burdensome and, it is felt, an unnecessary duplication of dissemination. It is understood that these cards are no longer as useful as formerly in several of the IAC Agencies.

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5. It is planned to discontinue the production and dissemination of up-to-date Industrial Register Cards prepared as a result of the new information received. CIA will continue to maintain a Master File in its Industrial Register. It will also respond promptly to requests for specific information which can be derived from the Industrial Register.

6. Concurrence in the above plan, or substantiated objection thereto, is requested prior to 21 April 1949.

cc: For concurrence - AD/CO
" " - AD/OCD
" " - Foreign Documents Branch, OO
For Information - [redacted] Management Branch

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